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Art Unit	2879
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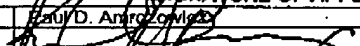
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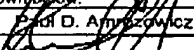
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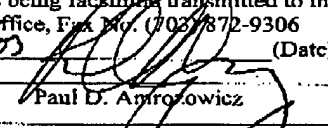
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 9, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-identified application as follows, and reexamine the application in view of the following amendments and proceeding remarks:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper; and
REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.